In The Claims:

Claims 1-2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 2, wherein~~ <u>A method to control a controllable device with a control device in a network comprising several control devices, comprising:</u>

<u>reserving the controllable device with a first control device as a primary controller; and</u>

<u>preventing a second control device or a further control device from overruling primary control of the first control device with secondary control commands, the second control device being able to reserve the controllable device after the reservation of the first control device as a secondary controller so that the further control device can not overrule secondary control of the second control device with further control commands,</u> the controllable device ~~sends~~ <u>sending</u> a rejection to the second control device working as the secondary controller trying to overrule the first control device working as the primary controller or to the further control device trying to overrule the first control device working as the primary controller, or the second control device, working as the secondary controller, and said rejection including a list of all primary ~~and/or~~ <u>or</u> secondary controllers<u>, or both the primary and secondary controllers.</u>

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein the controllable device sends the rejection directly to the control device that is rejected.

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5.	(Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3 or 4, wherein the second control device shows a message after the second control device has received the rejection.

6.	(Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the second control device working as the secondary controller, or the further control device is able to pre-empt the primary and/or the secondary controllers at the controllable device to become the primary controller for the controllable device.

7.	(Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the further control device can only pre-empt the first control device and/or the second control device of a certain controllable device after a user action.

8.	(Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein a pre-empted first control device and/or second control device receives a message regarding which second control device or further control device has pre-empted said first control device and/or second control device.

9.	(Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the further control device can only pre-empt the first control device and/or the second control device of the certain controllable device for a predetermined number of times in a particular time period.

Claim 10.	(Cancelled).

11.   (Currently Amended)   ~~The method according to claim 1, wherein~~ A method
to control a controllable device with a control device in a network comprising
several control devices, comprising:

reserving the controllable device with a first control device as a primary
controller; and

preventing a second control device or a further control device from
overruling primary control of the first control device with secondary
control commands, the first control device [[can]] being able to
reserve the controllable device or pre-empt another control device, via
a resource manager included in the network.

Claims 12-14.   (Cancelled).

15.   (Currently Amended) A system for managing device control in an electronic
network, comprising:

an electronic device, coupled to said electronic network, to perform
specified functions;

a first controller, coupled to said electronic network, to establish a primary
control over said electronic device;

a second controller, coupled to said electronic network, to seek said
primary control over said electronic device; and

a resource manager configured to arbitrate between said first controller and
said second controller for controlling access to said primary control
over said electronic device.

16.   (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein said resource manager grants
said second controller a secondary control over said electronic device.

17.   (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein said first controller and said
second controller communicate directly with said electronic device during said
primary control and said secondary control.

18.   (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein said second controller utilizes said resource manager to pre-empt said first controller and thereby gains said primary control over said electronic device.

19.   (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein said network functions in accordance with a home audio-video interoperability specification.

20.   (Currently Amended) A system for managing resources in an electronic network, comprising:

        a network resource, coupled to said electronic network, to perform specified
            functions;

        a first client, coupled to said electronic network, to request a primary
            control over said network resource; and

        a resource manager configured to ~~reserving~~ <u>reserve</u> said primary control
            over said network resource for said first client.

21.   (Original) The system of claim 20 wherein a second client coupled to said electronic network seeks said primary control over said network resource, and wherein said resource manager negotiates between said first client and said second client to obtain said primary control over said network resource.

22.   (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein said resource manager initially attempts a non-intrusive reservation of said primary control of said network resource.

23.   (Original) The system of claim 22 wherein said second client makes a pre-emption attempt to gain said primary control when said non-intrusive reservation is unsuccessful.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23 wherein a pre-emption attempt result for said pre-emption attempt is determined based on a respective resource role categorization for said first client and said second client.

25. (Original) The system of claim 21 wherein said network resource is shared with a primary access for full control of said network resource, and a secondary access for limited control of said network resource.